

Job Sheet EHM-5 – Manage for early successional habitat by not harvesting crop 1st year and leaving idle 2nd year

DESCRIPTION – This enhancement will manage for early successional habitat by planting a crop, but not harvesting it the 1st year. The second year, the un-harvested crop will remain idle. In the third year, the area will be planted to a crop again, and a different area planted and left idle for 2 years.

Enhancement Details

- The payment is \$50/plot/year
- The unit of measure is a 1/4 acre plot
- \$50 will be paid for every 1/4 acre plot established. For example, if 2 acres are left idle, the payment will be \$400/year (\$50 x 8 one-quarter acre plots)
- No grazing, mowing, cultivating, spraying or other management of the area is allowed
- The minimum width of a plot is 60 feet
- Each plot will be rotated to a new location within the field, or planning unit, after the end of the 2nd year
- The maximum number of plots per offered area is 80 (i.e. 20 acres)
- Plots should be located near other available habitat such as woodland, grassland, wetlands, ditches, etc. to enhance wildlife value

Required Documentation

The CSP Participant will certify this activity annually by signing an annual payment certification letter and submitting it to the NRCS office servicing the contract. The CSP Participant will retain records and indicate on aerial photographs the locations of the idle areas.

Use the following to determine the number of plots managed annually:

(Plot Width x Plot Length) divided by 43,560, then divide again by 4. Add all of the calculations for each area for the total number of plots.

Mgmt Unit	Width of Plot (ft.)	X	Length of Plot (ft.)	=	ft ²	Divided by 43,560 (ft ² per acre)	=	# Plots (in acres)	Multiply by 4	=	# Plots (in ¼ acres)
		X		=		/ 43,560	=		X 4	=	
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Total Number of ¼ Acre Plots:											

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